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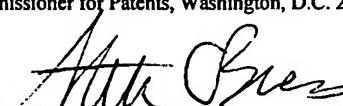
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Schmidt et al.	Examiner:	Nguyen, Son V
Serial No.:	10/023,051	Group Art Unit:	2839
Filed:	December 17, 2001	Docket No.:	2316.1007USC2
Title:	CONNECTOR INCLUDING REDUCED CROSSTALK SPRING INSERT		

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated February 14, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification

Please amend the specification by adding a new paragraph before the paragraph that begins at page 9, line 21, as follows:

--Base 146 includes an elongated tab 240 extending toward a rear end of the assembly 134. A distal end of tab 240 includes a ramped surface 242 diverging outwardly. Tab terminates in a planar surface 244 facing the rear end.--

In The Claims

Please cancel claims 1-7, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 8-11 as follows:

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